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SUBJ: LIBYAN EMBASSY CIRCULAR NOTE CLAIMING GULF OF SIRTE (SIDRA)

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED OCTOBER 16 1973, FROM LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC EMBASSY CLAIMING MOST OR ALL OF GULF OF SIRTE (SIDRA). NOTE, IN ARABIC AND SPANISH, APPARENTLY WENT TO ALL CARACAS EMBASSIES WITH WHICH LARG HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND CALLS ITSELF "PROCLAMATION OF LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC CONCERNING ITS INALTERABLE SACRED RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL OWNERSHIP OVER THE GULF OF SIRTE."

2. ACCORDING TO TEXT, LARG CLAIMS THAT ALL OF GULF SITUATED WITHIN AREA BOUNDED TO EAST, WEST AND SOUTH BY LAND AND TO NORTH BY LINE 32 DEGREES 30' IS CONSIDERED "INTEGRAL PART OF ITS TERRITORY, AND IS UNDER ITS ENTIRE AND COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY IN ITS CHARACTER OF INTERNAL WATERS, AFTER WHICH ITS TERRITORIAL SEA BEGINS". REASONS ADDUCED ARE THAT GULF'S WATERS PENETRATE DEEP INTO
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LIBYAN TERRITORY, THAT LIBYA HAS EXERCISED OVER GULF ALL RIGHTS

OF SOVEREIGNTY WITHOUT OPPOSITION, AND THAT POSSESSION OF GULF IS VITAL FOR SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF COUNTRY. TEXT CONCLUDES THAT NO VESSELS MAY ENTER GULF WITHOUT PERMISSION OF LARG.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY PRESUMES CIRCULAR WAS DISSEMINATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES BUT REPORTS TEXT ON CHANCE DISTRIBUTION MAY HAVE BEEN SELECTIVE. COPIES OF NOTE FOLLOW WITH AIRGRAM.

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